Revival of Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.

*433. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures Government are taking to revive the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.;

(b) whether any proposal has been submitted by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for revival of Hindustan Shipyard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Hindustan Shipyard has recently got an order to build 30,000 tonnes capacity DWT bulk carrier ships; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) A Rehabilitation-cum-Financial Restructuring package is under active consideration of the Central Government for the revival of Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL). The package under consideration envisages capital investments, provision of working capital and write off of old interest and loan liabilities.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Government of India had requested the Government of Andhra Pradesh for complete waiver of Sales Tax arrears of Rs. 45.84 crs. and interest which would be helpful in revival of cash-starved HSL. Government of Andhra Pradesh has agreed for a one-time settlement of Rs. 5.00 crores subject to approval of the Revival package by Government of India.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. has got order from M/s. Goodearth Maritime Limited, Chennai for construction of 4 nos. 30,000 Dead Weight Tonnage (DWT) Trader Series Bulkers. The Contract for the first two vessels was signed on the 21st May, 2004 and the contract for the other two vessels was signed on the 3rd January, 2005.

Action against officers demanding dowry

*434. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of any media reports that in